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Applicant: Dovek et al.
Assignee: Maxtor Corporation
Title: MAGNETIC STORAGE DEVICE WITH FLUX-GUIDED
MAGNETORESISTIVE HEAD USING A PERPENDICULAR
RECORDING MEDIA (AS AMENDED)
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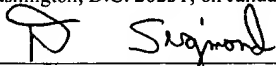
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Office Action dated December 19, 2000, is responsive to communication(s) filed on October 3, 2000. A Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief were filed on October 3, 2000. Therefore, this Office Action is improper and should be withdrawn.

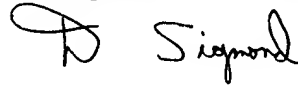
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